

FOOD FOR FLAMES

Many Persons Perish in Prairie Fires

RAGING IN INDIAN TERRITORY

A Woman Incinerated While on Her Way to a Place of Safety—Father and Child Burned.

FORT CANTONMENT, I. T., March 22.—For the past month the dried grass on the prairie south and west of this reservation has been burning and fires could be seen at almost any time in any direction. They have been kept well down, however, and little damage has resulted, but it is now learned that seven lives have been lost by these fires within the past ten days. Two women, three men and two children have been burned to death, and it is possible that others have met a similar fate.

Two Men Perish.
The first report of loss of life was brought in by an Arapahoe Indian, who said he had seen two white men going in the direction of the fires and that he had afterward found their bones and burned bodies on the prairie where they had been caught and killed.

Fate of a Father and His Child.
Shortly after this a white man brought the news of the burning of William Woodson and his 3-year-old child. Woodson was out fighting the fire away from his farm, and his child followed him. He did not notice the child until he heard it scream, and then saw it being caught by the flames and was burning. He went to its rescue, and while helping the child was himself caught and burned so badly that he died.

Three Other Victims.
Another child was playing in the prairie and was overtaken by the fire and burned to death in sight of its mother, who ran to its assistance and was so frantic that she did not care for herself and was also burned. Mrs. Hoover, living about 3 miles from this place, started to the fort through the grass on the prairie and was caught by a fire and burned to death, her body being found lying in a small ravine charred to a crisp.

MILLIONS FOR HARBORS.

Big Figures Before the House—The Hennepin Canal Project Given a Small Allowance.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The river and harbor bill, over which the house committee has been struggling for the last three months, was finally made public Monday afternoon. An exact trial of the bill has not been struck, but chairman Blanchard estimated it in round numbers at \$30,000,000.

The most important feature of the bill to Illinois is the black eye which the Hennepin canal project receives. It is so hard a blow that the big canal will be seriously crippled if not permanently destroyed. Capt. Marshall, the secretary of war, reported some time ago that the present rate of appropriations—\$500,000—once in two years—would take twenty-eight years to complete this canal, before the termination of which much additional money would be required to maintain the work previously done from going to destruction. He added that even at the rate of appropriation proposed, \$1,700,000, it would take eight years to complete the work. Notwithstanding this warning the committee has failed to appropriate the \$1,700,000 asked for and has allowed only \$500,000. So that according to Capt. Marshall the appropriation contemplates work at a rate which will take twenty-eight years for completion.

The deep-waterway project, which affects no one locality in particular but is regarded as of great importance to the commerce of the entire lakes, is favorably reported, although the amount in the bill is only \$400,000, instead of \$3,000,000 asked for. But the projectors are quite satisfied with this, for they say that as long as the federal government once approves the plan it will have to be carried out. The item, as it appears in the bill, is as follows: "For a ship canal 21 feet in depth and of a minimum width of 100 feet in the shallows of the connecting waters of the great lakes between Chicago, Duluth and Buffalo, \$400,000." A proviso is that the secretary of war may proceed to make contracts for securing the deep waterways on a scale of costs not to exceed in the aggregate \$2,500,000, exclusive of the \$400,000 now proposed to be appropriated in the present bill.

OIL FOR FUEL.

World's Fair Officials Decide Against the Use of Coal.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Oil is to be used as fuel instead of coal in all the big furnaces at the world's fair grounds. A contract was practically made Monday with the Standard Oil Company for furnishing the entire supply. The lowest bid received for coal was \$3.44 per ton. From that figure the bids ranged all the way to \$5.36 per ton. The Standard Oil Company's bid was seventy cents for a barrel of forty-two gallons of oil and seventy-two and one-half cents a barrel during 1893. Agents of the company said that three barrels of oil would produce as much heat as a ton of coal. That meant a saving of about 14 per cent on the lowest bid for coal, and a committee decided in favor of oil. It is estimated that 250,000 barrels will be used.

PROTEST FROM CHINA.

Strong Probability That the Chinese Minister Will Be Called Home.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—China, stung past further endurance by what she terms the indignities which this country has heaped upon her subjects, has written a letter to Secretary Blaine protesting against them. The details of the protest cannot at present be learned, but the note is said to be of such a vigorous character as to warrant the belief that the diplomatic relations between the two countries may be severed. For some time China has exhibited signs of irritation at the treatment her subjects were receiving in this country, and the story has recently reported by the house committee has proved the last straw. The letter protests against the absolute exclusion of Chinese from the United States, and claims that such exclusions is in direct violation of the

treaties between the two countries, and points out that the United States has no precedent in international affairs for the course she is pursuing. While couched in the language of diplomacy, the letter is very emphatic and earnest, and indicates that China has concluded to remain no longer passive. As there is little likelihood that congress will ease the strain by opening the doors wider than they are, it is considered more than probable that diplomatic relations between the United States and China will become at least severely strained, if they do not cease altogether.

LYNCHERS WERE INSANE.

The Men Who Participated in the Hanging of Seibert Escape the Hanger.

DARLINGTON, Wis., March 22.—W. E. Carter closed the case for the state in the lynchings trial Monday forenoon and D. S. Rose for the defense in the afternoon. Judge Clementson then delivered the charge to the jury and at 4 o'clock they retired. At 9:30 a verdict was brought in, finding the defendants all insane at the time of the commission of the acts charged in the indictment and therefore not guilty. John T. Meighan, Alonzo Taylor and Hezekiah Andrews were declared insane now and will probably be sent to the insane asylum at Mendota. The remaining defendants were discharged.

LIVES CRUSHED OUT.

Hundreds of Tons of Iron Ore Fall Upon Two Men, Killing Them Instantly.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Two laborers met a horrible death at the Illinois steel works, at South Chicago. They were Frank Puhelskie and John Draczek. At 5:30 the two men went to work to load iron ore from a huge heap on the lake shore at Ninetieth street into barrows which they were to dump on the steel company ore cars. Monday they had been engaged at the same place, and had excavated a distance into the mass. The excavation assumed the shape of a tunnel and this morning the two men, entered this opening with their barrows. Suddenly the mass above fell and buried the men beneath hundreds of tons of the heavy metal. Life was crushed out in an instant. The foreman at once put fifty men to work in an effort to rescue the laborers. It was three hours after the accident, however, and only after the most difficult and energetic exertions that the masses of metal were removed, and the bodies of the victims recovered.

A BRAVE BOY.

He Saves the Life of a Young Lady Who Was Being Attacked by a Rejected But Infatuated Lover.

WINFIELD, Kan., March 22.—George Easton, aged 23, had been refused Miss Armenta Myers' company, owing to his intemperate habits. So when he saw her on the street Monday he whipped out a knife and tried to cut her throat. She warded off his blows, and received deep cuts in her face, arm and wrist. He then knocked her down, and tried to cut her throat, but Ernest Mann, a 14-year-old boy, rushed between them and, with both hands, grasped Easton's arm and held him till Miss Myers ran away. The culprit was taken to jail.

His Election Almost a Certainty.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 22.—Horace Chilton has addressed a letter to a caucus of his friends announcing his withdrawal from the race for United States senator, thus leaving the field clear for Roger Q. Mills to pass from the lower to the upper branch of congress. Senator Chilton assigns as his only reason for withdrawing that he finds the total vote of his friends in the legislature will not be sufficient to elect him and he does not want to embarrass those who would stand by him.

Died of Hydrophobia.

WEST PLAINS, Mo., March 22.—The youngest child of George C. Carpenter, living in the north part of Howell county, died from hydrophobia Sunday night. He was bitten by a mad dog several weeks ago. Another child was bitten at the same time but as yet has shown no signs of rabies. Both of the children were treated with a madstone and were supposed to have been cured.

Found His Body in the Ice.

CLINTON, Ia., March 22.—The dead body of Robert E. Hogg was found Sunday underneath the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern bridge across Mill creek. It was frozen in the ice. It is supposed Hogg started to walk to Comanche, 5 miles distant, where his wife was visiting, and in some way fell through the bridge.

Tried to Kill a Banker.

EL DORA, Ia., March 22.—Friday night an attempt was made to assassinate Thomas Hollis, a wealthy banker of Radcliffe. Mr. Hollis was on his way home when he saw a man following him. When a few rods from his own door the stranger fired, the bullet taking effect in the banker's head. Mr. Hollis fell and lay unconscious for some time. He says he knows his assailant and he is not a resident of the county. The sheriff is looking him up and his arrest may be made soon. The attack is said to be the result of an old feud.

Capt. James McDonough Dead.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Capt. James McDonough, who served some half-dozen terms as chief of police of this city between the years 1850 and 1881, and was well known throughout the country as an unusually competent police officer, died at his residence here Monday morning, aged 78 years. Mr. McDonough was born in Baltimore and came to St. Louis in 1831.

To Reward a Veteran.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—In the senate Senator Peffer (Kan.) offered the bill introduced in the house by Mr. Simpson (Kan.) to award to Sergeant Thomas G. Barker, company A, First Indiana regiment, \$10,000 and a gold medal for services rendered in saving Pope's army and the national capital from annihilation in July and August, 1862.

A Broken Rail Causes a Wreck.

FINDLAY, O., March 22.—The cannon ball train on the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western railroad was wrecked Monday afternoon near this city. Engineer Alexander Shannon and Fireman Whit were fatally injured. The accident was caused by a broken rail, the train being derailed. City Marshal Myers was among the injured.

Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The senate has confirmed C. R. Aldrich, of Illinois, as collector general of the United States.

HIGH IN THE AIR

Deadly Effect of the Boiler Explosion

TERRIBLE FATE OF THE VICTIMS

Four Men Killed and Others Badly Hurt—Victims Blown Many Feet in the Air.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—As the result of the explosion of a boiler at the works of the Laclede Fire-Brick Manufacturing Company, Manchester road near Sublette avenue, in Cheltenham, a St. Louis suburb, at 2:45 o'clock Monday afternoon four men are lying dead, two are fatally injured and two more seriously hurt.

The Victims.

The dead are: Larry Bussey, aged 23, married, of 1432 Billion avenue, crushed to death; Reynold Diedoche, aged 40, married, 1316 Graham avenue, thrown 100 feet into the air; Joseph Beckley, aged 19, single, 5750 Columbia avenue, thrown 100 feet in the air and crushed to death; Joseph Dubuchy, aged 45, married, Brandon avenue, thrown 100 feet into the air. The wounded are: Frank Seeger, aged 30, of 1359 Pierce avenue, fatally scalded; Morgan Inman, aged 25, single, Sulphur avenue, piece of iron blown into the skull, also hurt about the face and body; will die; James Summerfield, aged 50, married, 5117 Wilson avenue, badly cut about the face, head, neck and body, will recover; John Pellet, aged 40, Morganford road, slightly bruised and injured internally.

Boiler Ran Out of Water.

Several other men were shaken and cut, but not badly. The boiler exploded was one of a battery of six, which, it is supposed, ran out of water, was suddenly supplied with cold water and the explosion followed. The boiler house was completely wrecked, the five injured boilers being unsealed and piled in a heap. A fire started in the ruins, but was put out before the flames reached the bodies of the dead and wounded, and they were got out after much effort, mangled only by the explosion.

Hurled High in the Air.

Beckley, Dubuchy and Diedoche were at work on the boiler-house putting up a whistle at the time of the explosion. Beckley and Dubuchy were blown high in the air, while Diedoche's body was found on the third floor of the clay-mixing building, having fallen from so great a height as to break a hole in the roof, passing through to the floor below. Every bone in his body was broken and the head and face crushed beyond recognition.

Dubuchy, who was assistant engineer, was blown high in the air. He fell on the roof of the generating house, a quivering, trembling mass. Beckley landed on the roof of the main building, also horribly crushed. All three of these men were undoubtedly blown at least 100 feet in the air.

Bussey was found in the ruins of the boiler house, crushed between the unsealed boilers. He lived a few minutes after he was found, but never spoke. All of the dead were so horribly scalded that the flesh peeled off wherever touched. The wounded men were at work in the immediate vicinity of the exploded boiler and were wounded by flying debris, by the steam and by the force of the explosion itself, which hurled them 100 feet away, one, Inman, being blown across the river Des Peres. The pecuniary loss to the company is from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Ran Across a Bargain.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 22.—An art gem was picked up in a junk shop here Monday by Mrs. Andrew G. Reid, wife of a well-known capitalist, for \$30. Mrs. Reid is a connoisseur and accidentally saw the picture as she passed the shop. She recognized its value at a glance, and after a little parleying with the owner secured the picture for the amount above stated. Its value is said to be not less than \$10,000. It is a peasant's head and on the back is the name of Jean Baptiste Greuze, the French artist, and immediately below the inscription, 1726—1808. The mate to the painting is owned by William T. Walters, who values it at \$10,000.

Found Dead on a Cinder Pile.

LAWRENCEVILLE, Pa., March 22.—The body of an unknown man was found on a cinder pile Monday morning. The body was that of a Poleander supposed to have been employed in the mill. Since October 1 special officers have arrested 18 tramps for lounging about these cinder banks and many of them were prostrated by the gases arising from the cinders.

The Flames Extinguished.

BRUSSELS, March 22.—A dispatch from Charleroi states that the fire which followed the explosion in the Anderluis colliery has at last been extinguished. The efforts to rescue the bodies of those who lost their lives in the mine, which were frustrated by the breaking out of the fire, have been resumed. There are yet 123 bodies in the pit.

Military Appropriation Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The military appropriations bill consumed the time of the house Monday until the afternoon was well advanced, when the discussion of the bill by paragraphs was finished, and it was brought to a vote. The bill, as passed, carries an appropriation of nearly \$25,000,000.

To Refund the Cotton Tax.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—In the senate Senator George (Miss.) presented a bill for reference to the judiciary committee to refund to producers of cotton the amount of internal revenue tax paid by them.

Censure for a Congressman.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—In the house a resolution was submitted censuring Mr. Walker (Mass.) for having introduced in the Congressional Record a report of a recent speech remarks which were not made in the house, and which reflected severely upon Mr. Williams (Mass.). The resolution also ordered that the parts of the speech objected to be expunged from the Record. It was laid over for future action.

Will Save 2,000 Lives.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The proceeds of the New York concert for the benefit of the Russian famine sufferers have been received, and are being used for the relief of distress in

such manner as United States Minister Smith directs. This fund amounted to 10,000 roubles. It is estimated that this amount will suffice for the saving of some 2,000 lives.

Not a Candidate.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Sherman is not a candidate for the presidency, nor will he permit the use of his name by any of his friends in that connection," said Hon. W. M. Mahan, chairman of the Ohio republican state committee, in reply to an inquiry as to the attitude of the Ohio senator on the presidential question. Senator Sherman himself said subsequently that he was not and would not under any circumstances be a candidate.

Used Their Employers' Funds.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Albert Smith and Robert Whitaker, respectively cashier and head-bookkeeper for Lamson Bros., a board of trade firm, have disappeared, leaving the firm \$60,000 out. The young men bought 300,000 bushels of wheat in the name of Lamson Bros., expecting to profit by a rise. Unfortunately it went the other way. The two speculators have vanished, and the firm has to stand the loss.

Bills Passed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The senate on Monday passed bills prohibiting the introduction and sale of intoxicating liquors into the Indian country, and to regulate the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin (as Milwaukee on the first Mondays of January and October and at Oshkosh on the second Tuesday of June).

The Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—An appropriation of \$81,833 is carried in a bill introduced by Senator Vilas (Wis.) providing for the purchase of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal. The canal is to be delivered to the government for use as a free water bay upon payment of the amount appropriated to the company owning it.

Forced to Join a Board of Trade.

DETROIT, Ia., March 22.—The Duquesne Trades and Labor congress has decided to boycott retail merchants who do not join the board of trade and help the city to secure factories. This action is expected to increase the membership of the board to 1,000.

Destructive Earthquake in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 22.—The local press announces that a terrible earthquake occurred in Chiapas in February, leveling a great number of houses and trees. The shock extended to Quezaltenango, Guatemala.

Morrison Made Chairman.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—At a meeting of the full board of the interstate commerce commission, Hon. William R. Morrison was elected chairman to fill the vacancy made by Judge Cooley's resignation.

Put in a Strait Jacket.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 22.—Mrs. Sarah Althorn Terry has been put in a strait jacket at the asylum where she is confined on account of her refractory conduct. At times she is very violent. She will lean against the wall and say that she receives spirit messages ordering her to do all sorts of strange things.

Gov. Boies' Appointees.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 22.—Gov. Boies has made the following appointments for the next biennial period: J. J. Dunn, Duquesne state oil inspector; labor commissioner, J. R. Sovereign; dairy commissioner, A. C. Turner; Osage pharmacy commissioner, J. H. Pickett; ostracoderm, fish commissioner, Judd Griggs.

Arbor Day in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 22.—The governor has issued a proclamation designating Friday, April 8, as Arbor day, and requesting the people to observe it by planting trees, shrubs and vines. Teachers and pupils in public schools are especially enjoined to properly observe the day.

Frozen to Death and Buried in Snow.

PINE BLUFFS, Ark., March 22.—John Baker, a well-known railroad man, was found frozen to death. It is supposed he had started to his home when he was overcome and sank by the road. The body was almost buried in a snow-drift. Baker was 39 years old.

Carriage Works Burned.

BOSTON, March 22.—Henderson & Co.'s big carriage works at Porter's station, North Cambridge, took fire shortly before 1 o'clock a. m. and was totally destroyed with eight adjoining tenement houses, rendering nine families or nearly a hundred people homeless. The poor people fled in their nightclothes. Loss, \$200,000.

Five Sailors Drowned.

YANMOUTH, N. S., March 22.—The British bark Sylvas, from Barbadoes, February 27, in ballast for St. John, N. B., stranded on Trinity ledge and became a total loss. Five of the crew were drowned.

Hanged Herself in the Barn.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., March 22.—Mrs. Nancy Coyle, aged 34, hanged herself in the barn Monday, where she was found dead. It was supposed her mind was unbalanced by recent sickness.

Berry Turner Caught.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 22.—Berry Turner, the Kentucky and Tennessee desperado for whose arrest \$600 had been offered, was captured Monday by Sheriff Colson, of Bell county, Ky.

Unconstitutional.

MADISON, Wis., March 22.—The Wisconsin supreme court has declared the congressional apportionment made by the last legislature to be unconstitutional.

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